

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Reissue application of:

HASEBE et al.

U.S. Patent No. 5,796,824

Issued: August 18, 1998

For: STORAGE MEDIUM FOR PREVENTING AN IRREGULAR USE BY A  
THIRD PARTY

DECLARATION FOR REISSUE APPLICATION

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Sir:

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hereby declare and state that:

(1) We are citizens of Japan, residing at the above-  
identified respective residences and are the original first  
and joint inventors of the invention described in U.S. Patent

No. 5,796,824 issued August 18, 1998 and described and claimed in the application for a reissue patent.

(2) We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified reissue application for a reissue patent, including the claims.

(3) We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

(4) U.S. Patent No. 5,796,824 is wholly or partly inoperative or invalid by reasons of the patentees claiming less than they had the right to claim in the patent by reason of errors in the claims.

(5) A deficiency arises in the claims since the claims granted do not completely cover the scope of the present invention described within the specification. In particular, the claims granted do not protect a storage medium comprising a medium personal number and electronic information where the electronic information is encrypted based upon the medium personal number as described within the specification. Furthermore, the claims granted do not protect a storage medium comprising encrypted electronic information and a medium personal number which is used for decrypting the encrypted electronic information which is based on the medium

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personal number as described within the specification.

(6) The error of not claiming all that applicants were entitled to claim arose during the prosecution of U.S. patent No. 5,796,824. The application was not reviewed in detail to detect all errors until after the issue fee was paid and the patent issued.

(7) The above errors were discovered when applicants' counsel conducted an extensive review of the contents of the patent to detect any errors therein. The review was conducted around the end of November 1998 by an employee of Fujitsu who was working at the patent department and handling this case. The review of the application took place when Fujitsu became aware that a system similar to the present invention had been developed by Iomega Corporation in cooperation with Liquid Audio Inc.

(8) The above amendments to the claims correct this error by adding new claims 17 and 18 which describe the features discussed above.

(9) The errors described above in paragraphs 5 and 8 arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the patentees.

(10) We hereby appoint the following attorneys in full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this

application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith:

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(12) The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that all these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so

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